GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF PETROL AND DIESEL IN STATES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the prevailing variation in prices of diesel, petrol and LPG in various States of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and justification thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are charging extra taxes on diesel and petrol;

(d) if so, whether the diesel and petrol pumps situated at the bordering areas of Madhya Pradesh are on the verge of closure due to the extra taxes being levied; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to bring uniformity in prices of petroleum products throughout the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): Effective 01-04-02, the pricing of all petroleum products, except for PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG, have become market-determined. The oil marketing companies are now fixing the prices of these products after taking into account the prevalent international oil prices. The existing retail selling prices of diesel, petrol and LPG in the four metro towns are at Annexure.

The selling prices of diesel, petrol and LPG vary from State from State mainly because of differences in the freight element and in the rates of taxes levied by various State Governments.

There exists differences in the retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in the bordering areas of Madhya Pradesh as compared to the neighboring States viz. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, UP and Chattisgarh.The selling prices are higher in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat when compared to Madhya Pradesh.However, the retail selling prices are lower in the bordering areas of UP, Rajasthan and Chattisgarh when compared to the bordering areas of Madhya Pradesh mainly due to difference in sales tax rates.

Annexure

The current retail selling price of diesel, petrol and LPG in the four metros as on 12.12.2002.

	Diesel (Rs./Litre)	Petrol (Rs./Litre)	Domestic LPG (Rs./Cylinder)
Delhi	18.06	28.91	241.21
Mumbai	23.03	33.63	245.73
Chennai	19.83	31.45	248.19
Kolkata	19.43	30.41	266.30